

Air Force Prime Time, a weekly news magazine for and about airmen stationed overseas, airs Thursday 8:25 p.m. Central European Time on AFN television. In this week's edition, what the Air Force is doing in Europe, Africa and Southwest Asia; moving ahead in the 21st century; why we're doing the missions we're doing these days; and more.

News briefs

Awards presentation

The personnel and training managers of the year awards ceremony takes place at 2 p.m. today in the base officers' club. Call Staff Sgt. Ethan Allen at 452-5519 for more information.

NCO Academy graduation

The 52nd Transportation Squadron offers free round-trip transportation to the NCO Academy graduation in Kaiserslautern tonight. Show time is 4 p.m. at vehicle operations, building 170. Call 452-6645 for reservations.

Bank hours reduce

Community Bank opens Nov. 29 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Spangdahlem and 9 a.m. to noon on Bitburg for training.

Credit union phone number

Service Credit Union on Spangdahlem offers a new civilian telephone number, 06565-956950, for people to call with banking questions or issues.

Haircut price increase

Military members across Europe, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait pay more for a haircut beginning Dec. 1 at the 113 barbershops under contract with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

The 25-50 cent increase, the first since October 1998, reflects an initiative designed to keep enough qualified barbers employed to serve AAFES customers, said Maj. Mitch Edgar, with AAFES Europe headquarters.

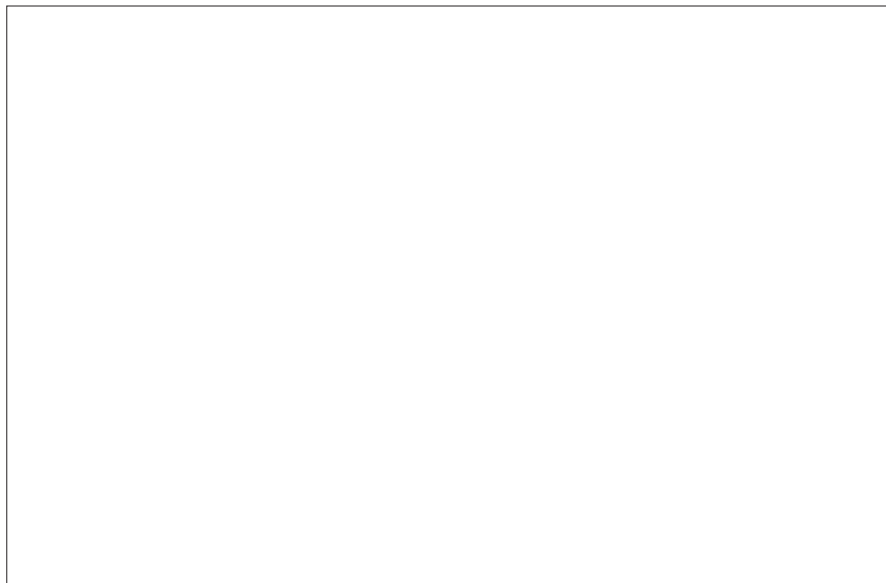
AAFES established haircut prices based upon local price surveys and a review of prices at posts and bases located in the United States. With the increase, haircuts in Germany go up from \$6.25 to \$6.50; in Belgium from \$5.50 to \$6; in the Netherlands from \$6.50 to \$6.75; and in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait from \$4.50 to \$4.75.

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Senior Airman Esperanza Berrios

Veterans ceremony

Senior Master Sgt. Julius Ser, 52nd Communications Squadron and Veterans of Foreign Wars Spangdahlem Post 10775 commander, and Staff Sgt. Traci Beilke, 52nd Fighter Wing protocol NCOIC and VFW member, lay a wreath on the memorial stone at the base air park during a Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 10.

AF selects 8 local senior NCOs for promotion to top enlisted grade

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Eight senior NCOs from Spangdahlem Air Base and its geographically separated units are among those included on the Air Force list of newest chief master sergeant selects.

The senior master sergeants selected for promotion to the highest enlisted grade are:

■ Russ Lichtenberger, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron

■ Michael Mazzi and Brian Ward, 52nd Supply Squadron

■ Giovanni Catanese, Ramona Macy, William Tully and David Young, Airborne Warning and Control Squadron operating location

■ Enrique Shaw, Air Force Central Command Headquarters

The Air Force released the list Wednesday of 417 selects out of 2,935 eligible senior master sergeants for promotion to chief master sergeant. This represents a selection rate of 14.2 percent, a slight decrease from last year's promotion rate of 17.58 percent.

"Multiple factors drive the chief master sergeant promotion percentage, including projected overall vacancies for the next year, and limitations on the number of chiefs who can serve on active duty by law," said Air Force Personnel Center officials.

"The more vacancies that exist, the greater the number that can be promoted," center officials added. "The fewer vacancies, the fewer we can

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John Levitow dies Nov. 8 after battle with cancer

WASHINGTON — Air Force Sgt. John L. Levitow, one of only 16 airmen awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism during wartime, died Nov. 8 at his home in Connecticut after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was 55.

About 100 people from Spangdahlem Air Base took part in a retreat ceremony Nov. 9 in his honor.

Levitow, the lowest ranking airman to earn the medal, received the honor as a result of an incident Feb. 24, 1969. At that time, the airman first class served as loadmaster aboard a

severely damaged AC-47 gunship flying a mission over Long Binh, South Vietnam.

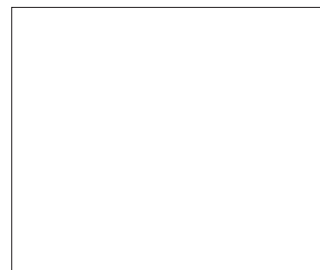
Suffering from more than 40 shrapnel wounds in his back and legs caused by a mortar blast, he saw a smoking magnesium flare amid a jumble of spilled ammunition canisters. Despite loss of blood and partial loss of feeling in his right leg, the 23-year-old threw himself on the flare, hugged it close, dragged himself toward an open cargo door and hurled the flare out. Almost simultaneously, the flare ignited harmlessly outside the door and away

from the munitions.

President Richard M. Nixon presented the Medal of Honor to Levitow on Armed Forces Day, May 14, 1970, at the White House.

After Levitow left the Air Force, he worked in the field of veteran's affairs for more than 22 years. His most recent work was for Connecticut developing and designing veteran programs.

He was buried this morning at Arlington National Cemetery.



Staff Sgt. Jason Tudor

John L. Levitow examines the cockpit of the C-17, "The Spirit of John L. Levitow," named for him Jan. 23, 1998, in Long Beach, Calif.

Class graduates 47 senior airman 81st FS troop earns honors as Levitow award winner

By Staff Sgt. Mary Snead
Airman Leadership School

Senior Airman Francis Sanders came away with top honors among 47 students graduating from Airman Leadership School, Class 00-8.

During the Nov. 3 graduation ceremony, the 81st Fighter Squadron airman received both the John Levitow Award and the leadership award.

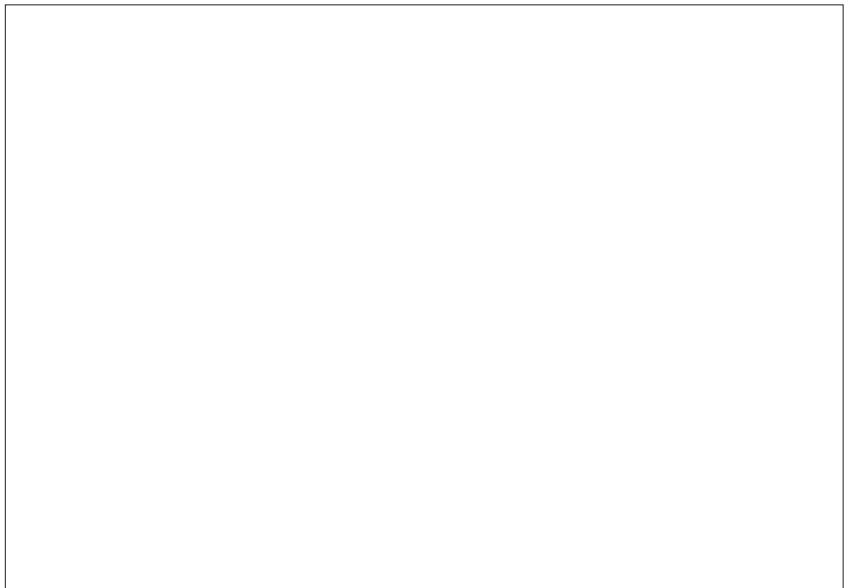
Distinguished graduates were Senior Airmen Chris Edgerton, 52nd Munitions Support Squadron, Amy J. Sullivan, 752nd Munitions Support Squadron, Brandon Paulson, 752nd MUNSS, and Keri Briggs, 752nd MUNSS.

Other senior airmen graduating from the class were:

■ **Eagle flight** - Jeremy Price, flight leader, 52nd Communications Squadron; Kerwin Bituin, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; Tressa Gillett, 52nd Medical Group; Jacob Gonzales, 52nd CS; Greg Jefferson, 52nd MUNSS; Himaiya Lowery, 752nd MUNSS; Charles Marascio, 852nd Munitions Support Squadron; Timothy Mead, 22nd Fighter Squadron; Robert Rose, 752nd MUNSS; Brett Wiest, 52nd EMS; Romney Wilber, 52nd Fighter Wing; Maurice Wilson, 52nd MDG; Francis Sanders, 81st FS; Jason Shaw, U.S. Air Forces in Europe Mission Support Squadron; and Jacob Zumbo, 52nd Supply Squadron.

■ **Falcon flight** - Terry Milnes Jr., flight leader, 52nd Logistics Support Squadron; Gretchen Ball, 52nd MDG; Elluz Clark, 52nd Transportation Squadron; Juan Cortez, 52nd MDG; Zachary Christman, 752nd MUNSS; Paul Estrada, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; Artez Franklin, 52nd Services Squadron; Michael Geer, 852nd MUNSS; Bryan Kelly, 52nd MUNSS; Jaime Lenzner, 52nd TRANS; Brian Rock, 23rd Fighter Squadron; Brian Turk, 52nd CS; Robert Varkonyi, 52nd CS; and David Winter, 22nd FS.

■ **Warthog flight** - Shaun Curtis, class leader, 52nd EMS; Marshall Anderson, flight leader, 606th Air Control Squadron; Michael Alvarez, 52nd CS; James Cox Jr., 52nd TRANS; Christopher de Leon, 52nd MUNSS; Scott Devore, 852nd MUNSS; Kevin Gnadt, 752nd MUNSS; Horace Griffin Jr., 52nd CES; Christopher Hoyles, 52nd EMS; Bryan Pemberton, 52nd CES; Kenneth Rogers, 22nd FS; Kisha Washington, 52nd SUPS; William Schick, 52nd EMS; and Amanda Snyder, 52nd CS.



Airman 1st Class Kimberlie Drews

Fallen hero

Senior Master Sgts. Stephen Vasquez and James Steward (right), 52nd Security Forces Squadron, lower the American flag during a retreat ceremony Nov. 9 in memory of John L. Levitow. About 100 people took part in the ceremony, which included the playing of Taps and a 21-gun salute. Levitow died Nov. 8 after a long battle with cancer.

Vehicle accident totals drop

By Tech. Sgt. Franklin McElhaney
52d Security Forces Squadron Reports and Analysis

Eifel motorists experienced a mixed week on area roads.

The good news is the total number of accidents dropped 55 percent compared to this same week last year. The bad news, there were still five major accidents.

Schweich Polizei reported an American riding a 2000 Yamaha R-6 was approaching a sharp downhill left hand curve on the L-46 at high speeds. The driver lost control of the vehicle and skidded approximately 72-feet into the right hand side ditch. He was transported by German ambulance and admitted to Marien Krankenhaus/Trier Ehrang. He was treated for a cracked vertebra, lacerations to his lips, left hand and right knee, chipped front teeth and a possible concussion.

There were two accidents in which people failed to stop in time for halted traffic. The first accident happened on B-51 near Ralingen. There were no injuries and only one vehicle was disabled when an American was rear ended while stopped in

traffic.

The second accident happened when an American was driving a 1987 BMW near Trier/Quint at the intersection of L-46 and Meilen Strasse. Traffic at the intersection was slow and the American failed to stop in time, rear ending a German national. Once again, there were no injuries but both vehicles were disabled.

At about 9:30 one morning, an American driving a 1992 Explorer collided with the trailer of a vehicle on B-50 near Mulheim. The trailer of the moving truck veered into the oncoming lane causing the accident. The result was one disabled vehicle, but no injuries.

The last accident happened at Bonnerstrasse in Erdorf involving a red 1989 Audi. The American was attempting to park when a German national struck his passenger side door. The German's vehicle suffered a broken radiator.

In addition, there were five minor accidents.

Chief

promote."

Because the eligible numbers are small to begin with, even a modest year-to-year increase or decrease in either the eligible population or the number of vacancies can cause the overall percentage to fluctuate upward or downward to a greater degree than it does among large grade populations.

The cycle 00E9 Chief Master Sergeant Evaluation Board convened here Oct. 23 through Nov. 3 to evaluate individual

records of senior master sergeants eligible for promotion.

This is the first promotion release where the Air Force is awarding two Weighted Airman Promotion System points to any eligible senior master sergeant who has been certified as having successfully completed three years as an Air Force recruiter as of the July 31 promotion eligibility cutoff date. This policy went into effect for anyone who was a recruiter June 21.

The average select score for this cycle was 654.73 points based on the following:

- 27.16 points, time-in-grade;
- 22.24 points, time-in-service;
- 135.00 points, Enlisted Performance Reports;
- 23.13 points, decorations;
- 66.33 points, U.S. Air Force Supervisory Examination;

■ 380.86 points, board score.

The average select has 3.45 years time in grade and 21.34 years time in service. Those selected will be promoted to chief master sergeant throughout the 2001 calendar year.

The complete list of the new chief master sergeants is posted on the Air Force Personnel Center home page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil. (Air Force News Service courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Couples serving together on deployments
seem to have an unfair advantage,
but they explain in reality it's no . . .

Bed of desert roses

By Staff Sgt. James A. Rush
332nd Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

Shortly after arriving at Al Jaber, Kuwait, Sean and Andrea Rose Callies were walking to the Jaber Cafe in civilian clothes when they received a stern reprimand.

"No PDA (public display of affection)," said the uniformed man. Sean, an Air Force staff sergeant, and Andrea, an Air Force senior airman, both with the 81st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, were holding hands.

"We just laughed because we thought he was joking," Andrea said. "Then he said, 'I am serious.' Sean dropped my hand and we just looked at each other dumbfounded."

Senior Airmen Jane and Jason Stewart were warned against any "public displays of affection," including holding hands, when they arrived from Cannon Air Force Base, N.M. Yet seeing unmarried couples express themselves in a similar manner was common. The Stewarts felt they were being held to a higher standard because they are married.

A no-contact policy toward public displays of affection was in effect at the time, but Col. Timothy Vigil, 332nd Air Expeditionary Group commander, had recently relaxed his policy to allow hand holding while in civilian clothes. Vigil said he implemented the initial policy because of past examples of inappropriate behavior.

Even with the limited contact rule, the Callies prefer to be deployed together.

"I volunteered to go so I could be with Sean. He didn't have a choice," Andrea said. "Being deployed together makes the days go faster. I am glad we had the opportunity to experience something like this together."

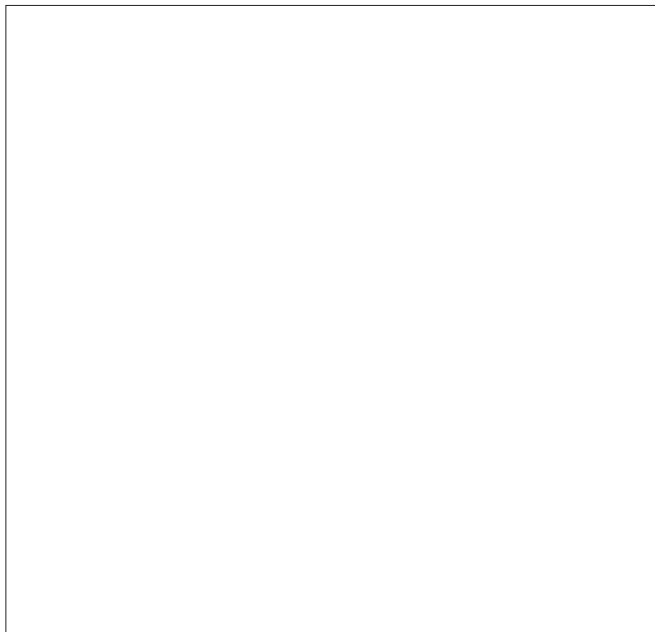
As the Callies quickly found out; however, every silver lining comes with a cloud.

"People think we're spoiled just because our spouse is here, but what they don't understand is it's just as frustrating sometimes," Andrea said.

She shares a room with another woman who is deployed with a spouse.

"Not being able to live together is hard," Andrea said. "Sometimes it creates tension that shouldn't be there. I do wish there were more places we could be more personal, but I also understand this isn't a honeymoon."

The Stewarts have also detected some resentment from people who may not



Staff Sgt. James Rush
Staff Sgt. Sean and Senior Airman Andrea Callies, 81st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron members, are both deployed to Kuwait.

understand the couple must live apart and maintain a strictly professional relationship at work.

"What a lot of people don't realize is we still feel as though we left our spouse behind to a certain extent, because no matter where you go, all eyes are on you. You always have to maintain a certain amount of professionalism," Jane said. "By the time we get off work, it's time for bed. We don't see each other until the next workday."

"I get a lot of comments about how unfair it is and how inappropriate," Jason said. "But I think all of that is just jealousy. We're just taking advantage of the opportunity that came to us, just as I am sure others would have done if they could have."

Both couples have been married less than two years. Two long-time veterans of deployed-spouse situations are Capt. Steve

and Teri Astor, also from Cannon AFB. Teri is a flight surgeon. Her husband flies F-16s and works in the operations support squadron at Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia. The couple has been married eight years and has spent more than half of that time apart because of deployments and training.

"We have been in so many different time zones together at the same time, you can't even imagine," Teri said.

Just this year, the Astors spent the spring in Bahrain and Jordan and went to Nellis AFB, Nev., in March for a Red Flag exercise. Perhaps surprisingly, the "doc" isn't bothered by it.

"When I was in medical school as a Reservist, I hated not being able to go on the deployments and be a part of what was going on while my husband was on the other side of the world. I like being on this

side of the fence much better," Teri said.

"I knew what I was getting into when I signed on the dotted line, and I had no trepidation about that decision. My husband is a pilot, through and through. He would not be happy if he weren't here in the AOR (area of responsibility) with his fellow pilots. We have a great marriage and a strong commitment to each other and to our country."

One advantage of joint deployments is a short line of communication, even when things get "interesting."

"If I was at home right now, I couldn't imagine what would be going through my head," Andrea said.

Jason and Jane, likewise, find it easier to deal with their fears and problems because they are together. There's no substitute for being able to talk face to face, and they can share the good times in Kuwait as well.

"It's great because when it gets stressful, I have Jane to talk to and to listen to all my complaining," Jason said. "She is my best friend, and being over here has only brought us closer."

All three couples have cats, but no children, waiting for them at home. Still, arranging for friends and relatives to care for things back home is somewhat more complicated than leaving everything in the hands of a wife or husband. Someone has to watch the house, run the car occasionally, care for the pets and review and forward important mail.

"I recommend using Internet banking to pay bills," Jason said. "It was probably the smartest thing we did before leaving. A lot of people don't realize most banks let you use it for free if you are in the military and have direct deposit."

The few pros — easier communication, holding hands (now) and being together — certainly outweigh the cons for each couple. It helps when units try to align schedules to allow them to work together and share the same days off. Jane feels the majority of people support joint deployment also, and she's 100 percent behind it.

"I wouldn't trade this chance for anything, because I truly do feel lucky to have my best friend-husband here with me," she said.

The nearly together spouse from Prince Sultan AB sums up his emotions even more concisely, signing his last e-mail to Teri: "I love you sweetie. Steve."

Community Mailbox

Family support center news

■Spouse's Day Out takes a trip Saturday to the Czech Republic. Call Angie Robinson at 453-7023 for details.

■Sponsor training takes place in building 307 each first and third Thursday of the month.

■A home-buying seminar takes place at 6 p.m. Nov. 28 in building 2001 on Bitburg.

■Military Family Week takes place Sunday through Nov. 25. FSC activities include the Spangdahlem center serving cake and coffee during duty hours Monday. The seminar, "Enjoy Europe Everyday," which offers traveling tips, takes place Monday. Call for times.

■The Bitburg center open house takes place 2-7 p.m. Tuesday. Activities include giveaways, face paintings and making holiday videos.

Call the Spangdahlem FSC at 452-6143 or Bitburg at 453-7491 to register for classes or for details.

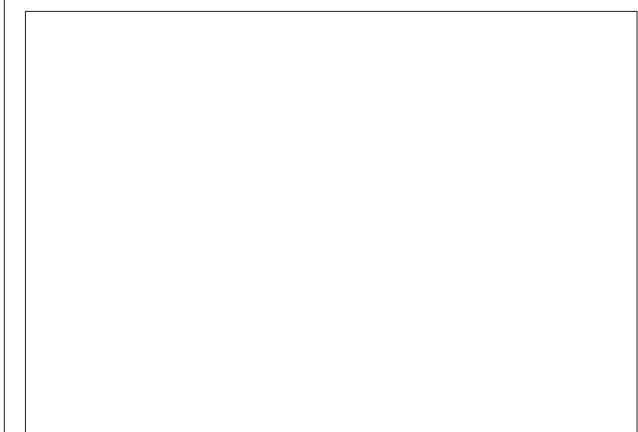
German-American club

Members meet for dinner Sunday in the Spang Club. People interested in attending should meet in front of the pass and registration building outside the gate. Membership is not required to attend.

The price for non-club members is \$16.95. Call Gisela Traut at 452-6172 for time and other details.

Thanksgiving eve service

People of all faith traditions are invited



Staff Sgt. Tim Cook

Learning the process

After verifying "voter" registration at Spangdahlem Middle School Nov. 7, eighth-grader Maggie Harvin hands out ballots to Alyson McDonnell and Brittany Watkins. The school held mock elections to teach students about the election process and the importance of voting.

to an interfaith service at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Bitburg chapel.

A potluck pie social follows the service in the Bitburg chapel annex. For more information, call Birgit Schuh at 452-6711 or 452-6281.

Holiday hours

The only Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities open during Thanksgiving Day are the shoppette and Bxtra. They're open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All other facilities are closed.

Naming contest

The Spangdahlem Chapel sponsors a naming and logo design contest for its

three-wheeled vehicle. Submit designs and names to Chaplains (Majs.) Karl Wiersum or Patrick Ryan by Monday.

Winners get a free dinner for four at the Simonbrau Restaurant in Bitburg. Call the Spangdahlem Chapel at 452-6711 for details.

Volunteers needed

■For the Holiday Mini-Bazaar taking place Dec. 1-3 in the Spangdahlem community center.

■For the Bitburg tree lighting ceremony and reception taking place at 6 p.m. Dec. 6.

■For the Spangdahlem parade, tree lighting ceremony and reception taking

place at various times and locations Dec. 7.

To volunteer for any of these events, call Jake Jacobs at 452-7381.

Adopt-a-cop

The 52nd Security Forces Squadron accepts applications for students in 5th-8th grade to participate in the adopt-a-cop program.

The program is designed to enhance relations between security forces members and the community and subsequently prevent and curtail juvenile crimes.

Call Senior Airman Samson McCoy at 452-6120 for details.

Education center news

■The University of Maryland offers two additional classes during its Term 2 schedule. Introduction to computer applications takes place Saturday and Sunday; and introduction to Web page design takes place Dec. 2 and 3. Call 452-6637 or 0656561-6637 Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to register.

■Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University offers BA 408, "Airport Management," starting today. This class can be used toward a bachelor's degree in professional aeronautics. For more information, call 452-7553.

For other off-duty education needs, call the base education office 452-6063 for more information.

Singing telegram auditions

The community center seeks singers for a singing telegram service. Adult soloists who are serious about their ability to deliver a song from the heart with or without music are needed.

Call 452-7381 to set up an audition time or for more information.

Stores pull PPA products

By Maj. Mitch Edgar
AAFES-Europe Region Public Affairs chief

DALLAS -- With the recent announcement by the Food and Drug Administration warning consumers to stop using over-the-counter cough and cold medications and appetite suppressants (diet pills) that contain phenylpropanolamine, AAFES and commissaries worldwide have quickly moved to remove any drugs containing PPA from its shelves.

Among the products affected are cough-cold remedies such as Alka-Seltzer Plus, Dimetapp and Triaminic, along with the popular diet pills Dexatrim and Acutrim. Army Air Force Exchange Service customers with cough and cold symptoms can seek other over-the-counter drugs such as Sudafed, Benadryl, Drixoral and AAFES-brand products that contain a safe alternative called pseudoephedrine.

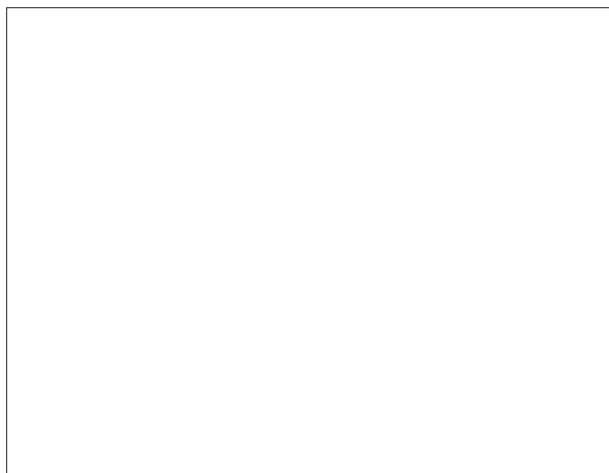
AAFES sales directorate has compiled a complete listing of those drugs containing PPA to assist its managers with the removal process. To ensure these items are kept off the shelves, AAFES has put an electronic block on them at the point of sale. AAFES and commissary customers will be offered the opportunity to

return any unused product for a full refund.

"It's important to remember that this notice by the FDA is only a warning and not a recall or formal ban," said Mike Beverly, AAFES chief operating officer. "However, we feel that this warning is of such significance we're taking this immediate action. We want all AAFES customers to have full confidence in the products they buy from their BX/PX."

European commissaries don't carry the affected appetite suppressants, but do carry some of the identified cough and cold medicines, said Rick Brink, Defense Commissary Agency, European Region, public affairs office. Commissaries began removing these products from stores last week and have posted information signs where these products are normally located. Commissary patrons can determine whether or not a health product has PPA by reading the label.

Both AAFES and brand name items could have the ingredient PPA; there are many formulas of each AAFES and brand name products, and not every one contains PPA. Customers should review the ingredients label to see if the ingredient phenyl-propanolamine is listed.



Airman 1st Class Michelle Roquid

Shipping out

Airman 1st Class Jeremiah Brinkman picks up a package ready for mailing from Beverly Johnson at the 52nd Services Squadron Pack & Wrap shop. Located in building 189 on Spangdahlem Air Base, Pack & Wrap packages gifts for shipping. Before taking gifts to the shop, people can have them gift wrapped at the Crafts Corner located in the same building. Cost ranges from \$2-\$7, including boxes. Crafts Corner staff request people bring their own box for unusually shaped items. Operating hours for Pack & Wrap are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The phone number is 06565-933608.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Bitburg Castle

Tonight

Meet the Parents (PG-13)

Everything that could possibly go wrong for groom-to-be Greg does. The problems begin with Greg's disastrous first meeting with his girlfriend's family — most notably her intimidating father Jack — and it's all downhill from there.

Saturday

Meet the Parents

Sunday

Autumn in New York (PG-13)

Will is a master of no-commitment — until he meets Charlotte, a 21-year-old free spirit. Will indulges his interest in Charlotte, expecting yet another quick and easy romance until Charlotte expresses her belief that things absolutely can't last. Will and Charlotte pursue an affair unlike any other. It is a season-long encounter that will shatter Will's preconceptions about women, sex and responsibility of real love.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

The Cell (R)

A child therapist involved in a breakthrough research program is asked to journey inside the mind of comatose serial killer in the hope of saving his latest victim. As she embarks on an uncharted and perilous journey through the psyche of a murderer, an FBI agent must race against time to uncover clues that may help locate the missing girl.

Closed Thursday

Spangdahlem Skyline

Tonight

The Contender (R)

A U.S. Senator whose bid for the vice presidency is jeopardized when another senator digs up a sexual scandal from her past.

Saturday

The Contender

Sunday

The Contender

Monday

The Art of War (R)

A secret agent has to go underground when he's accused of killing the Chinese ambassador, but when terrorists threaten the United Nations, he's got to come out of hiding to take down the baddies. Why him? He doesn't officially exist anymore.

Tuesday

What Lies Beneath (PG-13)

Norman and Claire Spencer try to learn the origin of mysterious events that have threatened their idyllic life. Claire starts having strange visions. They find themselves investigating the murder of a beautiful college student who has been appearing to his wife.

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 453-7541.

Markets highlight holiday season

By Iris Reiff
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The annual Weihnachtsmaerkte (Christmas markets) are popping up in towns throughout Germany.

Nearly every mid-size German town has its own unique Christmas market offering the aromas of fresh fir, Christmas baked goods, waffles, candies and sweet breads to put people in the Christmas spirit.

Vendors and craftsmen set up their goods in little wooden huts or stands, usually decorated with fir branches and Christmas decorations. Most of the merchandise sold at the Weihnachtsmarkt is characteristic of the season.

A variety of decorative Christmas tree ornaments are offered, such as golden paper angels, multi-colored balls, garlands, all sorts of sweets and a large selection of handicraft items, toys and trinkets. Gluehwein, a traditional hot-spiced wine, is available at most markets.

Some Christmas markets date back six centuries. Nuernberg has the most famous Christkindelmarkt, dating back to the 1690s. Its origin is thought to have been the Nikolausdult, a market mentioned as early as 1310 and held near Nuernberg's St. Michael's Church.

In addition, many large and small towns in the local area offer unique markets.

Here is a list with Weihnachtsmaerktes open throughout the Christmas season. Most markets usually open at 10 a.m. and close about 6 or 7 p.m.

- Nuernberg, Dec. 1-23
- Heidelberg, Nov. 29 through Dec. 23
- Munich has several markets. The most popular Christkindlmarkt is open Nov. 24 through Christmas Eve.
- Köln, Nov. 27 through Dec. 23
- Frankfurt, Nov. 27 through Dec. 23
- Rothenberg ob der Tauber, Nov. 24 through Dec. 22
- Luxemburg city, Dec. 7-24
- Echtenschach, Luxembourg, Dec. 16 and 17
- Strassburg, France, Nov. 25 through Dec. 31. Opening times are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Brussels, Belgium, Dec. 1-10
- Koblenz, Nov. 25 through Dec. 23
- Bernkastel, Monday through Dec. 20. The market is closed Nov. 26.
- Trier, Thursday through Dec. 22.
- Wittlich, Dec. 9-23
- Dudeldorf, Dec. 2 and 3
- Bitburg, Dec. 1-3, Dec. 8-10 and Dec. 15-17
- Gerolstein, Dec. 9-10, Dec. 16-17.
- Cochem, Dec. 1-10
- Zillingen-Rachtig, Dec. 2 and 3, and Dec. 9 and 10
- Saarburg, Dec. 2 and 3, and Dec. 9 and 10
- Konz, Nov. 25 and 26, Dec. 2 and 3, and Dec. 9 and 10
- Bad Bergzabern, Dec. 10-12
- Deidesheim, Dec. 1-3, Dec. 8-10, Dec. 15-17 and Dec. 22-23
- Kaiserslautern, Nov. 27 through Dec. 22
- Kandel, Dec. 2, 9, 16 and 23
- Landstuhl, Dec. 2 and 3
- Landau, Nov. 30 through Dec. 20
- Ludwigshafen/Rhein, Nov. 24 through Dec. 22
- Neustadt/Weinstrasse, Nov. 27 through Dec. 19
- Pirmasens, Nov. 27 through Dec. 19
- Speyer, Wednesday through Dec. 21
- Zweibrücken, Dec. 2-17
- Alzey, Dec. 2
- Bingen, Dec. 15-17
- Bodenheim, Dec. 2 and 3
- Worms, Nov. 30 through Dec. 23
- Andernach, Dec. 7-17
- Bendorf/Rhein, Dec. 8-10
- Boppard, Dec. 8-22
- Lahnstein, Dec. 2 and 3
- Nassau, Dec. 8-10
- Neuwied, Nov. 30 through Dec. 24
- St. Goarshausen, Dec. 9 and 10
- Bad Duerkheim, Dec. 1 through 23
- Magdeburg, Nov. 27 through Dec. 23
- Augsburg, Nov. 30 through Christmas Eve
- Duesseldorf, Thursday through Dec. 23
- Mainz, Thursday through Dec. 23
- Bonn and Bad Godesberg, Nov. 27 through Dec. 23
- Regensburg, Nov. 30 through Dec. 23
- Hamel, Thursday through Dec. 21
- Freiburg, Nov. 27 through Dec. 22
- Stuttgart, Dec. 1-23.
- Esslingen, Dec. 9 and 10
- Berlin, Nov. 27 through Dec. 26
- Dresden, Nov. 27 through Dec. 23
- Luecnburg, Nov. 29 through Dec. 22
- Regensburg, Nov. 30 through Dec. 23
- Leipzig, Nov. 29 through Dec. 23
- Erfurt, Nov. 27 through Dec. 23
- Wernigeroder, Dec. 1-19
- Valkenburg, today through Dec. 17.
- Bayreuth, Nov. 24 through Dec. 23
- Baden-Baden, Dec. 1-17
- Bochum, Nov. 27 through Dec. 23
- Hamburg, Nov. 27 through Dec. 23
- Bremen, Nov. 30 through Dec. 30
- Rostock, Nov. 24 through Dec. 20
- Erlangen, Nov. 26 through Christmas Eve
- Wiesbaden, Nov. 28 through Dec. 23
- Ahrweiler, Dec. 1-3, Dec. 8-12, Dec. 15-17 and Dec. 22 and 23
- Bad Neuenahr, Dec. 1-3, Dec. 8-10, Dec. 15-17 and Dec. 22 and 23
- Bad Kreuznach, Nov. 30 through Dec. 10
- Birkenfeld, Dec. 9-12
- Simmern, Dec. 8-10
- Morbach, Dec. 2
- Landscheid, Dec. 17

- The smallest market of all, located close to the base in Gransdorf, takes place at the "Hof-Eulendorf" estate at 1 p.m. Dec. 17. The market features Christmas ornament sales, exhibitions, Christmas music, a visit by Santa Claus, an afternoon cake buffet, waffles with cherries, Germany's traditional Christmas Gluehwein and more.

A Christmas mini-bazaar is also scheduled to take place at the ballroom of the Spangdahlem community activities center Dec. 1-3, featuring Christmas ornaments, entertainment and Christmas food items.

Local mayors and German residents invite their American neighbors to join them in the Christmas spirit at any of the Weihnachtsmaerktes or Christmas events.

Out and about

will be printed in the Eifel Times.

■Plan to attend Richard O'Brien's Rocky Horror Picture Show Jan. 26 in the Trier Europe hall. For tickets, call the Trierischer Volksfreund Presse Center at 0651-14599-0.

■Listen to religious songs by numerous choirs from the entire region at 5 p.m. Sunday in the Daun Thomas-Morus church.

■Thanksgiving in Switzerland, two overnights, Thursday through Nov. 25, \$295 for adults, \$199 for children ages 2-12 sharing with two adults, departs Spangdahlem at 11 p.m. and Bitburg at 11:30 p.m.

■Paris express, Nov. 25, \$89 for adults and \$75 for children ages 3-17, departs Spangdahlem at 2:30 a.m. and Bitburg at 3 a.m.

■Köln Christmas market, Nov. 25, \$25 for adults and \$20 for children ages 3-12, departs Spangdahlem at 8 a.m. and Bitburg at 8:30 a.m.

community center at 452-6567 or the Bitburg annex community center at 453-7120 for details.

■Dinner and wineprobe, Saturday, \$35 per person, departs Bitburg at 4:30 p.m. and Spangdahlem at 5 p.m.

■Poland shopping express, Saturday and Sunday, \$65 for a single seat and \$85 for a double, departs Spangdahlem at 9:30 p.m. and Bitburg at 10 p.m.

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■Rothenburg Christmas market, Dec. 2, \$39 for adults and \$35 for children ages 3-12, departs Spangdahlem at 6:30 a.m. and Bitburg at 7 a.m.

■Valkenburg Christmas market, Dec. 9, \$29 for adults and \$25 for children ages 3-12, departs Spangdahlem at 8:30 a.m. and Bitburg at 9 a.m.

■Nuernburg Christmas market, Dec. 9, \$39 for adults and \$35 for children ages 3-12, departs Spangdahlem at 6:30 a.m. and Bitburg at 7 a.m.

■Strasbourg Christmas market, Dec. 16, \$30 for adults and \$28 for children ages 3-12, departs Spangdahlem at 7 a.m. and Bitburg at 7:30 a.m.

■Munich Christmas market, \$69 for adults and \$59 for children ages 3-12, departs Spangdahlem at 1:30 a.m. and Bitburg at 2 a.m.

Bitburg repeats as division champs

Barons destroy SHAPE 41-0

Compiled from staff reports

Bitburg mercy-ruled the SHAPE Spartans 41-0 at home Saturday to repeat as the Division II European football champs.

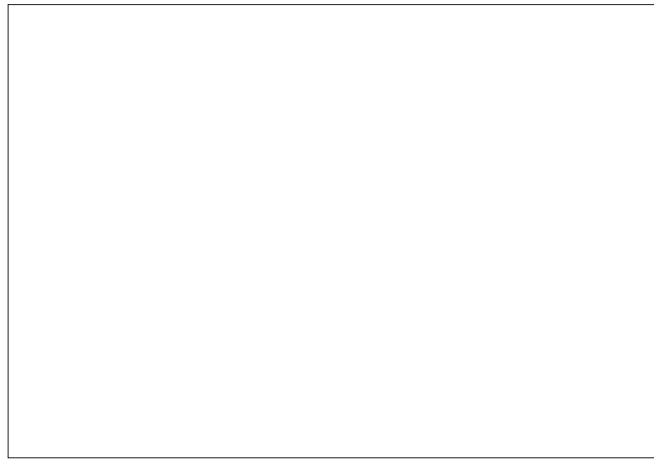
Led by a defense that didn't allow a rushing touchdown the entire season, the Barons capped a perfect 7-0 season with their second consecutive championship.

"To make it through an entire high school season without giving up a rushing TD is certainly a monumental accomplishment," said Rik Carr, Bitburg High School football coach. That same defense held their opponents to no return yards, only six offense scores (an average of one score per game) and pitched a shutout in the championship game.

Offensively, the 2000 Baron football team averaged 34 points a game.

"For 14 seniors, this was their last high school football game," Carr said. "For 10 of those seniors, it was the second consecutive championship and 14-1 two-year record."

In the season finale, first-team all-conference quarterback Nick Johnson connected with Josh Blake on a 14-yard



Staff Sgt. Tim Cook

Bitburg's defense buries Spartan Marques Wynn on way to a 41-0 win at home.

touchdown pass late in the first quarter for the only score of the half.

On the first possession of the second half, J.D. Alvarado kept a 59-yard, eight-play drive alive by recovering a fumble deep in Spartan territory. Billy Freeland then powered into the

end zone.

The Barons scored again later on a Jason Moss 33-yard run. Moss set up the next score, scampering 62 yard on a punt return to the Spartan four-yard line. Freeland barreled into the end zone on the next play. Charlie Pierce

ran in a two-point conversion for a 27-0 lead.

Freeland capped off the next drive with a six-yard run and Johnson connected with Blake for another two-point conversion.

The final score cam on a Johnson to Pierce 22-yard strike and ending the game with via the 40-point mercy rule with 24 seconds left to play.

"It was a total team effort from the line allowing the Spartans 41 yards on 26 rushes, to the linebackers and secondary shutting down the passing game allowing 75 yards on seven of 20 pass completions, and two Pierce interceptions," Carr said.

Freeland was awarded the defensive most valuable player award and Johnson received the offensive MVP award.

In addition, first-team, all-conference offense honors went to Freeland, Moss, James Asher, Alvarado Josh Cooke and Jed Balliett. Pierce, Travis Carr and Kenny Friend were named to the second-team, all-conference offense.

First-team, all-conference defense honors went to Alvarado, Cooke, Justin Haugen, Freeland, Matt Reynolds and Pierce. Balliett, Friend, Moss and Asher were named to the second-team, all-conference defensive roster.

An end of the year banquet recognizing the Baron championship takes place Dec. 3 in the school gym.

Eifel sports world

Fitness centers close

To observe the Thanksgiving holiday, both fitness centers close Thursday.

Archery tournament

The Eifel Archers holds a 3-D archery tournament Nov. 25 and 26 at the Oberweis annex. The event consists of a four-round, 20-target course with a bonus night shoot and evening buffet.

For more information or to register for the event, call Chad Landt at 06562-930890 or Lorrie Hoskins at 06565-942431.

Shoe policy

People using fitness center facilities must hand-carry athletic shoes they plan to wear while working out to protect the court floors and equipment. For more information, call 452-6634 or 453-7771.

Letters of intent

Intramural basketball letters of intent are due to the fitness center by Dec. 1.

New equipment

The conditioning room in the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center now offers new Bodymaster equipment. The center staff is available to provide people instruction on proper use of the equipment. For more information, call 452-6634.

Academy wins commanders trophy

By David Kellogg

U.S. Air Force Academy Athletic Department

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — The seniors on Air Force Academy's football team are paying particular attention to this year's presidential election.

They are interested in who will be their host when they return to the White House in the spring for the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy presentation. Thanks to an interception by linebacker Corey Nelson and a record-setting four field goals by Dave Adams, the Falcons earned the trip by defeating Army's West Point Academy Black Knights 41-27, at West Point, N.Y., Nov. 4.

This win solidified the Falcons' fourth consecutive CIC Trophy victory and the 14th in the past 19 years in the service-academy round robin with Army and Navy. The Falcons defeated Navy earlier this season, 27-13. The victory also pushed the Falcons' record to 6-3 on the season to make them eligible for a bowl game.

"I can't begin to tell you how excited and pleased I am for our seniors," said Air Force Coach Fisher DeBerry. "This is a class that has never lost to an Army or Navy football team in their four years."

The win didn't come as easy as most spectators expected with Army entering the game with a 1-6 record. It took a 53-yard Adams field goal at the end of the first half to tie the score at 13. The field goal tied Adam's longest field goal made.

The Falcons jumped to a 10-0 lead thanks to an eight-yard touchdown run by halfback Scotty McKay and a 32-yard field goal by Adams.

Army met the challenge with running back Michael Wallace. He scored two second quarter touchdowns on runs of seven and 11 yards. Only a blocked point-after attempt by the

Falcons on Army's first TD allowed for the tie at the half.

The Falcons scored on their opening drive in the second half with a one-yard run by fullback Nate Beard. Adams then gave the Falcons a 10-point lead by a new career-long kick with a 54-yard field goal. The ball hit the crossbar and bounced over.

"I've never had four field goals before in a game, and I've never had that distance in a day," Adams said, a senior from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. "We came out in the second half and played with our pants on fire. When you hit two crossbars and you get one blocked in your last three games, you're due for a break."

With 8:11 left in the third quarter, the Black Knights closed within three points when Wallace broke free for a 76-yard run. He finished the game with 201 yards rushing on 23 carries.

Air Force countered by Adam's hitting a 43-yard field goal four minutes later to make it 26-20. His four field goals tied an Air Force record for the most in a single game. Adams also became the first Air Force kicker to hit two 50-plus yard field goals in a game.

It was then Nelson came up with his game-breaking 68-yard interception return at the start of the fourth quarter. Army was moving the ball behind quarterback Joe Gerena. The Army coaching staff called for a screen pass and both Nelson and defensive tackle Justin Pendry were in position to make the play.

The Falcons added their final score on a Mike Thiessen one-yard TD run with just under six minutes left in the game. Army's final score came on an 86-yard punt return by Omari Thompson.